



BookChat

Spring 2016

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What's New at the Lake Bluff Public Library
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Board Meetings at 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 15
Tuesday, April 19
Tuesday, May 17

Library board meetings are held at the library
and open to the public.

Library Hours

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| Monday | 10:00 am–9:00 pm |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am–6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am–6:00 pm |
| Thursday | 10:00 am–9:00 pm |
| Friday | 10:00 am–6:00 pm |
| Saturday | 10:00 am–4:00 pm |
| Sunday | 1:00pm–5:00 pm |

Library Closures

Sunday, March 27
(Easter Sunday)
Wednesday, March 30
(Staff In-service)
Sunday, May 29
(Memorial Day Weekend)
Monday, May 30
(Memorial Day)
All Sundays from May 29 to September 4
(Summer Hours)

All library programs are free of charge and
open to everyone. You do not need a library
card to attend.

Staycation @ the Library

March 21 through March 25

Need a vacation? Take a trip to the library! Unwind and reboot with our great staycation activities for adults, teens, and children. We'll have puzzles, crafts, coloring, crosswords and board games in the Spruth Room throughout the week, as well as movie screenings and popcorn. Complete two activities for a water bottle or beach ball, or do four staycation activities to receive a free beach bundle!

Staycation Movies

Monday at 6:30pm: *The Walk* (PG, 123 minutes, 2016)
Tuesday at 1:30pm: *The Intern* (PG-13, 121 minutes, 2015)
Wednesday at 1:30pm: *Inside Out* (PG, 95 minutes, 2015)
Thursday at 6:30pm: *Tomorrowland* (PG, 130 minutes, 2015)
Friday at 1:30pm: *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (PG, 103 minutes, 1986)



Dinosauria

Saturday, April 9 at 10:30am

Dinosauria is an interactive dinosaur program for all ages with real dinosaur bones available to touch. Visitors will learn from fossil hunters about dig site operations and world renowned dinosaur discoveries. Do not miss out on this incredible opportunity to visit with real dinosaur hunters and share in the journey and discussion of dinosaur discoveries!

Friends of the Lake Bluff Library Book Drive

Saturday, May 21 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Bring your gently used books* to the Friends of the Library Book Drive! The Friends will box up your books and send them to Better World Books, an online bookseller that will donate a portion of each sale to the Lake Bluff Library and other high-impact literacy projects. The Book Drive will be held in the Spruth Room at the Library. The west side door will be open to take donations. Tax letters will be available. If you would like to volunteer during this event, please email Linda Schwartz at lschwartz@atproperties.com or call the library.

*Donations must meet Better World Books' donation guidelines: <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/go/library-donation-guidelines>. Books that do not meet these guidelines will not be accepted.

Home Delivery

Did you know we deliver? If you live in Lake Bluff and are unable to visit the library due to limited mobility, prolonged illness, low vision or recent surgery, we will deliver materials to your home once a month. This service is made possible by the generous volunteer hours of the Friends of the Library. If you are interested in this service please visit www.lakeblufflibrary.org/homedelivery.html or call Amy at the library for more information.

Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Please register for adult programs to ensure we have the room adequately set-up.

Registration can be completed online at www.LakeBluffLibrary.org, by phone at 847-234-2540, or in person at the Reference Desk.

Spring Crafts: Birds of a Feather Craft Together

Wednesdays, March 2, April 6, and May 4 at 1:30pm

Registration is required

Celebrate spring and let your creative talent take flight! Join Liliana and learn how to make eggshell beeswax candles in March, wire nest pendants in April, and teacup birdfeeders in May. All materials are provided.



Author Visit with Justin Peters

Thursday, March 3 at 7:00pm

Registration is required

Lake Bluff native Justin Peters recently published his first book, *The Idealist: Aaron Swartz and the Rise of Free Culture on the Internet*. Justin is currently a correspondent for *Slate* and a contributing editor at *The Columbia Journalism Review*. Join him as he shares the story of Aaron Swartz and the process of writing and publishing his book.

Vaastu: A New Way to Understand Your Home

Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm

Join Ruth Lederer of Vaastu Partners in Lake Bluff to learn about Vaastu, the science of home construction that helps us understand how our homes and buildings can benefit us or have the opposite effect.

Caring for Your Aging Parents

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00pm

Cynthia Maloney, Supervisor of Shields Township, will discuss services available to seniors through the township, local non-profits, and the Illinois Department of Human Services. Information will also be available about the new senior housing options going up in Lake County. Local attorney Rick Lesser will also talk about powers of attorney for healthcare and other decisions, trust wills, probate, and estate planning for seniors. There will be ample time for questions and answers. If you have a particular question, please email Cynthia at cmaloney@shieldstownship.com in advance to make sure we can address it.

Disney World Travel Tips

Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm

Enjoy a virtual tour through the magical parks and resorts of Walt Disney World while learning secret tips to save time, save money and avoid the crowds. Walt Disney World enthusiast Karen Thompson will offer smart planning guidelines that will maximize your travel dollar including discount codes, ticket options, dining reservations and resort comparisons.

Adult Winter Reading Club: A Ticket to Read

Continuing through Thursday, March 31

There's still time to participate in the Adult Winter Reading Club! Complete the activities and turn in your stamped passport by March 31 to win prizes.



Patron Satisfaction Survey

Continuing through Friday, April 1

Visit www.lakeblufflibrary.org/survey.html to tell us what you think about the library! Participants will have a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card.

Ornithological Observations

Throughout April

Come see the work of local artist Kimberly Beck on display in the Spruth Room for the month of April. For the past three years, Kimberly's paintings have been juried into the prestigious international "Birds in Art" exhibit at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum of Art in Wausau, Wisconsin, and her work has hung in both National and Regional exhibits of the Oil Painters of America.

How to Grow a Backyard Vegetable Garden

Thursday, April 7 at 7:00pm

Lisa Hilgenberg manages the Fruit and Vegetable Gardens at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. Join her to learn the basics of creating your own backyard vegetable garden.



Cookbook Book Club

Friday, April 8 at 1:00pm

April's theme is "Cook Like A Celebrity"

We all watch our favorite famous chefs on TV, now it's time to try their recipes yourself! This month choose any dish from Paula Deen, Mario Batali, Ina Garten, or another celebrity chef! We'll talk about these chefs' individual stories and how they rose to fame. Be a star in your own kitchen, and make a tasty dish to share! Be sure to plan ahead: selected cookbooks will be on display at the library two weeks before the meeting. Come browse and pick a recipe to make and bring your finished dish to Book Club to share.



National Library Week: Libraries Transform

April 10 through April 16

Butterfly Release Party: April 16 at 1:00pm

Spring is a time of transformation and the library can help you make your own transformation! Color in a beautiful butterfly and tell us why you love the library. Stop by to see an army of caterpillars transform into a flutter of butterflies and join us for our butterfly release party sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Trivia Night @ Lake Bluff Brewing Company

Monday, April 11 at 7:00pm

Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm

Registration is required, space is limited.

Do you know what you would be afraid of if you were an ailurophobe? Or what the T.S. stands for in T.S. Eliot? Then gather your friends and join us for a night of lively competition! We will again be hosting our popular Trivia Night at the Lake Bluff Brewing Company so register your team of up to six people and get your thinking caps ready. All participants must be 21 and older. The Lake Bluff Brewing Company is located at 16 E. Scranton Ave. in Lake Bluff.

Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

The Little Black Dress

Thursday, April 14 at 1:30pm

Coco Chanel is credited with the phrase and concept of the "little black dress." Collectors Ruth Thomas and Chloe Berg will model and show examples of little black dresses from the 1920s to the present, and share anecdotes and history. Don't miss this special fashion show!



Lake County's Bicycle Paths

Thursday, April 21 at 7:00pm

Lake County offers 560 miles of bike trails to explore. Sandra Hart, our Lake County representative for Lake Bluff, will give us an overview of our bike paths, Forest Preserves, and future plans for additional connections across our area. Get your questions answered and plan a safe and fun day biking in Lake County.



Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday, May 5 at 7:00pm

The longest reigning monarch in the world, Queen Elizabeth II is immensely famous, influential and yet almost completely unknown as a person. Join historian

and National Teacher of the Year, Barry Bradford, as he sheds light on her public achievements and private character.

Money Smart Week

Five Strategies for Stretching Your Healthcare Dollar

Monday, April 25 at 7:00pm

Healthcare costs are on the rise, but making the most of your healthcare dollar is easier than you think. Carrie Espinosa, Owner of Horizon Benefit Services, will share valuable strategies to help you stretch your healthcare dollar and navigate health insurance.



The Rest of your Life: Financial Planning Considerations for Retirement

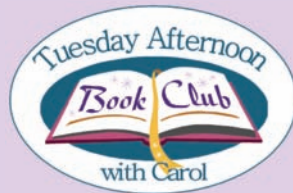
Thursday, April 28 at 7:00pm

Craig Graham of Robert W. Baird will answer some of the big questions about retirement. Learn how to estimate your retirement needs and then answer the two big questions: "Do I have enough money to retire?" and "Will my money last me a lifetime?" Mr. Graham will discuss the various sources of retirement income, their tax implications, and strategies for maximizing these income streams. Join us and learn how to incorporate all of these important decisions into a comprehensive plan for your future.

Property Tax Appeal 101

Friday, April 29 at 1:30pm

Taxpayer advocate and tax attorney Ron Kingsley will show property owners how to read a tax bill, understand tax assessments and exemptions, and how to appeal property taxes without hiring a company to assist with the appeal.



Third Tuesdays at 2:30pm

Attend book club and share your comments with other book lovers! Carol leads open-ended and insightful discussions that may change your ideas about the book.

March 15: *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus (Fiction, 1998, 304 p.)

April 19: *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin (Fiction, 2014, 206 p.)

May: No Meeting



Beyond the Book @ Wisma

All discussions are held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Wisma, located at 24 E. Scranton Ave. in Lake Bluff.

March 16: *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill (1995, Nonfiction, 246 p.)

April 20: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein (2008, Fiction, 321 p.)

May 18: *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi (2003, Graphic Novel, 156 p.)



Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Wool Gatherers

Thursdays at 1:30pm

March 17

April 21

May 19

This program is an ongoing, adult gathering that meets the third Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. Our circle of needle artists gets together to share stories, solve problems, and work on our current projects. Wool Gatherers is open to all skill levels. Registration is not required.



Movies for Adults

Bring a friend and enjoy a movie at the library. Refreshments are served.

Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30pm:

Suffragette

(PG-13, 2015, 106 minutes)

Thursday, May 12 at 6:30pm:

PAN

(PG, 2015, 111 minutes)



Display Case

Are you an avid collector of unique items? Dust off those meaningful items and share them with the patrons of Lake Bluff Library in the Spruth Room's glass display case. Please contact Carol Carter for available dates.

March: The Lake Bluff Women's Club

April: Local Artist Kim Beck

May: Photography by Laurie Giesen

Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library



Preschool Storytime

Registration is required
Tuesdays, March 8 through
April 12

2 year olds 10:15-10:35am
For 1 child and 1 adult

3-5 year olds 10:45-11:15am
For children without an adult

April Art Show

Throughout April

The children's department will have an amazing art display created by the students from Ms. Thomsen's afterschool K-5 Park District art classes. Stop by and see the remarkable talent of these Lake Bluff children.

Paws for a Tale

**Mondays, April 4 through May 9 at 7:00pm,
7:30pm, and 8:00pm**

Registration is required

Children in grades 1 through 5 can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog. These gentle dogs are nonjudgmental and great listeners for those children who could use some quality time reading out loud or would just enjoy reading to a good listener. Parents will need to sign a waiver form. Time slots go quickly so sign up early for one or more 20-minute sessions.



THE 30TH ANNUAL PHYLLIS FOX MEMORIAL WRITING CONTEST AND THE 27TH ANNUAL BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

Pick up your entry form for these two contests beginning Tuesday, March 1.

*All entries for both contests are due no later than **Tuesday, March 22 by 6:00pm.**

*Winners will be announced Sunday, April 10 at 10:00am.

*An award ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00pm at Blair Park Rec Center.

*Now accepting entries for the Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest electronically.

*Visit the Children's Department for complete details!

The Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest is open to children in grades 1 through 8. Children can write a short story on any subject they wish. First Place winners will receive a \$25 gift card.

The Bookmark Design Contest is open to children in grades K through 8. Children can design a bookmark on the theme of reading or books. First Place winners will receive 100 professionally printed copies of their winning entry. All winning entries will be available for patrons at the library.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Sunday, April 10 through Saturday, April 16

Celebrate the many wonders of your library with us this week. We offer you everything from magazines and books to computers for recreation and education. Visit the Children's Department and see what's new.

*Bookmark Design Contest Display

All of the 27th Annual Bookmark Design Contest entries will be on display in the Children's Department. Come see all the imaginative designs.

*Drop-in Craft

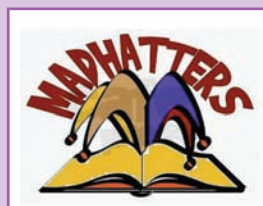
While supplies last

Drop in and make a delightful craft for National Library Week.

*Mad-Hatters Return!

Saturday, April 16 at 11:00am

All ages can join us for this fast-paced, exciting program sponsored by the Junior League of Chicago. Their hats are their costumes as they tell stories and sing songs to entertain all.



Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Winter Reading Club ends

Saturday, May 7

This is the last day to report books and receive badges for the Winter Reading Club.

Summer Reading Club Starts

Saturday, June 4

Join us for "Explore the Galaxy @ Your Library"

Just for Teens & Tweens

Grades 6 through 12

Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, March 17, April 14, May 19 at 7:30pm

Join this fun group and earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, find new books, and give us your two cents about teen services! Play a bookish guessing game for the chance to win a different prize every month! Snacks and drinks will be served.

Teen Crafts

Thursdays at 7:00pm

March 31- Book Page Poetry

Tap your inner poet and find a way to express yourself with someone else's words! Creations made this night will be displayed in the Teen Section for the month of April to celebrate National Poetry Month.



April 21- Coloring Bonanza

Relax and meditate as you color away on a beautiful and complex piece!

May 12- To Be Announced

Knitting

Thursdays, April 28 and May 26 at 7:30pm

Teens, if you have an interest in knitting or crochet, join us once a month to stitch and chat! Eliza can teach you the basics, help you master new techniques, or even troubleshoot problems you might be having! Beginners are welcome in this relaxed, informal group.



Teen Game Night

Thursdays, March 3, April 7, May 5 at 7:30pm

Solve a murder in Clue, test your vocabulary in Taboo or Scrabble, scheme your way to victory in Settlers of Catan, test your potential paths in Life, or prove who's the best driver in Mario Kart!



Stories and Starbucks!

Teen Book Discussion Group

Saturdays at 2:00pm

Meet at the Lake Bluff Starbucks on Waukegan Rd. to discuss a different title every other month, and we'll treat you to a coffee, tea or snack!

Saturday, April 23:

Illuminae by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff



Join us on the teen blog; get the latest information and goings-on. Submit your own posts to share opinions on books you just finished, games you're obsessed with, movies you're anticipating, and more!
<http://lakeblufflibraryteens.tumblr.com/>



Friends Helping Friends

Danke! Gracias! Merci! Thanks! No matter how you say it, we are very appreciative of the support we have received from your donations to the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library 2015 annual fundraising campaign. Without your help, the Lake Bluff Library could not provide as many programs and services as it does. Recently, the Friends have funded the following:

December – Wi-Fi upgrade for improved connectivity to the Internet

February 18 – Create a Quote of Art: A Painting Workshop in honor of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death

February 27 – LEGO™ Mania for children ages six to 12. This is the third year that the Friends have sponsored this very popular event where children build robotic LEGO™ projects.

April 16 – Butterfly Release Party for National Library Week

Don't forget our used book drive on May 21. For the third consecutive year, the Friends again invite the community to donate used hardcover books, paperbacks and textbooks on this day to help us earn money for the Lake Bluff Library.

Look for future programs and enhancements which will be supported by your donations. Consider taking an active role in the Friends of the Library by attending our monthly meeting on the third Saturday of the month. We can never have too many Friends.

The Friends of the Library

Linda Schwartz, *President*
Eileen Laack, *Vice President*
Eva Javier, *Treasurer*
Mary Dahlmann, *Secretary*

Friends Meetings at 10:00am

Meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

Saturday, March 19

Saturday, April 16

Saturday, May 21



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